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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Salazar      **DATE TYPED** 2/11/04      **HB** HJM 63/aHAGC

**SHORT TITLE** Notification Of Actions Affecting Acequias      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			NFI		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources (EMNRD)  
Game & Fish Department (GFD)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAGC Amendment

The House Agriculture & Water Resources Committee amendment requests, instead of obligating, the Governor, the State Engineer and various state and federal agencies dealing with New Mexico water to cooperate with the Acequia Commission.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 63 requests notification of the Acequia Commission when action affecting acequias or community ditches is considered. The memorial notes the creation of the Acequia Commission and the requirement of the commission to provide advice and assistance to the Governor, Legislature, Office of the State Engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission in acequia and community ditch matters. The Acequia Commission also serves as a facilitator for communication between acequia and community ditch associations and state and federal agencies, as well as review and comment on any plan or legislation affecting acequias or community ditches to the Governor, Legislature, Secretary of Agriculture and the Interstate Stream Commission. The memorial also states the Governor, the legislature and various state and federal agencies dealing with New Mexico water are obligated to cooperate with the Acequia Commission in the discharge of these duties.

Significant Issues

Significant issues relate to the importance of notifying the Acequia Commission of potential activities relating to acequias or community ditches so the commission will have the ability to provide advice and assistance to the bodies stated in NMSA 1978, Section 73-2-65.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Administrative impacts are minimal to the agencies cited in this memorial.

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